

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A SECURITY  
DEPOSIT FACILITATES A TRANSACTION IN WHICH A  
BENEFIT IS APPLIED IN EXCHANGE FOR PERFORMANCE  
OF A TASK

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***Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  
Pursuant to the Following Submission of an***

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Examiner:

This Submission is responsive to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed November 30, 2007 (Paper No. / Mail Date 20071115). Applicants hereby respectfully request continued examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please also enter the following amendments and remarks in the application.

This Submission is being filed in lieu of paying the issue fee, and is filed by Applicants' representative on behalf of the present Applicants for patent. Accordingly, references in this document to "we," "us," "our," and the like will be understood as indicating the present Applicants.